FISCAL NOTE

HB 3211 - SB 3528

February 16, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Correction (DOC) to test all inmates for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prior to their release from prison. Authorizes DOC to recover the expenses incurred for such testing from an inmate's trust fund account.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$224,000

Assumptions:

- According to the DOC, there are approximately 7,000 inmates released from the Department each year. The estimated cost for an HIV test is \$40 per inmate. The estimated cost to perform the required test on each inmate would be \$280,000 (\$40 x 7,000).
- Estimate assumes 20 percent (1,400) of the inmates released each year would have money in their trust fund account to pay the fee for HIV testing. The DOC would recover \$56,000 (1,400 x \$40) for HIV tests. The total additional cost to the Department would be \$224,000 (\$280,000 \$56,000).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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